

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
July 10, 2017
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Amy Golodetz, Daphne Tanis, Betsy Chapek, Peter Hiskes, Nancy McRae, Laurie Graham, and Pat Lamphere

Absent: Dan Steinbaur

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment: No person(s) were present for public comment.

Guest Speaker:

Regina Mahony from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) delivered a presentation to assist the UCC in:

- a.) Identifying town recourses and open space for consideration for preservation, and
- b.) Over-viewed various methodologies and tools available to be used in the planning process.

Following is an outline of the presentation and discussion:

- A. Contacts - Regina can be reached by email; rmahony@ccrpcvt.org
- B. Methodologies
 - a. *Open Space Planning* – for existing resources; Maintain-Evolve-Transform map
 - b. *Official Map* – planning for resources existing and future
 - c. *Clear Regulatory Direction*
- C. Planning Tools Available
 - a. *BioFinder* - biofinder.vermont.gov
 - b. *Community Strategies for Vermont's Forest and Wildlife: A Guide for Local Action* – vnc.org/programs/forests-wildlife/guide
- D. Recommendations suggested by Regina
 - a. UCC to identify resources
 - b. Determine a methodology for official planning activities
 - c. Identify and work with the CCRPC to develop a Map
 - d. Drive community awareness and offer a community Forum for involving Underhill residents

Discussion:

Updates

- Signage for additional Brook Signs has been approved by Select Board.

Other

- Nancy shared with the group of a Free Press article regarding waste Water and Clean-up for local communities, written by Vermont Nature Conservatory. Refer to informative website for local citizens for ideas and information; nature.org/vt/cleanwater.
- Pat reminder UCC members that the Town was asking for input to the 5 year capital Budget Investment plan. Discussion pursued; no action items at this time.
- Park cleanup planned for Saturday, September 30th 9:00 a.m.
Amy to call UCC volunteer members. Daphne to send contact list to Amy.

Approval Minutes: August 12, 2017 minutes approved with changes.

Adjournment: The meeting was officially adjourned at 8: 07 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Tanis, 9-14-17 draft